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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/EX - SALAZAR

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF EMBASSY KHARTOUM

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2519, B. KHARTOUM 2347

1. YOUR REASONING IN REFTELS FITS WELL WITH OUR PLANS AND GOALS FOR ADMIN STAFFING IN AFRICA. THE LARGER PROBLEM IS (WE HOPE) BEING SOLVED. THE SECRETARY HAS JUST SENT A LETTER TO GOVERNOR GILLIGAN ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CREATION OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. THE LAST PARA OF THE LETTER STATES: "I WOULD ASK YOU TO INSTRUCT YOURSTAFF TO COOPERATE WITH US IN IMPLEMENTING AMBASSADORIAL DECISIONS TO ESTABLISH JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES IN ALL COUNTRIES WHERE AID MISSIONS ARE LOCATED AT THE EARLIEST

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POSSIBLE DATE. I SINCERELY BELIEVE THIS ACTION IS IN ACCORD WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRES AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY. "

2. THE CREATION OF A JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (JAO IS THE LATEST ACRONYM) IN KHARTOUM WOULD, BY DEFINITION, SOLVE YOUR AID MANAGEMENT OFFICER PROBLEM. WHILE YOU CLEARLY

STATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR A JAO IN REF A, I SUGGEST THAT
THE NEXT STEP--EVEN BEFORE AN AMAT'S ARRIVAL THERE--WOULD

BE FOR YOU TO SEND IN A FORMAL REQUEST FOR JOINT ADMIN
SET-UP (IN A CABLE CAPTIONED FOR AF/EX - NO DISTRIBUTION
OUTSIDE AF). THIS WILL SET THE MECHANISM IN MOTION
AND HOPEFULLY PRECLUDE THE NOMINATION OF FSR-3'S TO AID
ADMIN JOBS IN SUDAN.

3. WE HAVE RAISED STRONG OBJECTION TO THE LA FALCE
NOMINATION WITH THE AID PERSONNEL SYSTEM. HAVE TODAY

LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT HE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ASSIGNED
TO SUDAN. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. WIL TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF SENDING AMAT TO
KHARTOUM WITH JOHN THOMAS. CHRISTOPHER

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